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 tion in Topeka.
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 building over wires for this sole pur-
 pose, busy throughout the entire day.
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 received.

Walking Delegate Parks does not
 show as wide a swath in the New
 York courts as he did at Kansas City.

No man who says what he thinks, as
 German does, can hope for election to
 the presidency by the Democrats. That
 was Bryan's trouble.

Albany Times-Union: Don't blame
 the railroad employees for insisting that
 lower freight rates will create lower
 wages. Perhaps the railroads have
 taught the men to believe it.

Even the Democratic St. Louis Post-
 Dispatch concedes that if it is discovered
 that President Roosevelt has the
 right kind of enemies the people may
 conclude to continue him in office.

In Rhode Island it is not necessary
 for the rival candidates for governor
 to travel about the state. With a meg-
 aphone they can make themselves
 heard by almost the entire population.

The attention of Kansas and the
 country in general is called to the fact
 that Topeka actually and truly has
 a jailer locked up in the county jail.
 This has been a remarkable year for
 breaking records.

Colonel Bryan has endured another
 martyrdom. The millions of the ad-
 ministration refused to let him stand
 on the postoffice steps at Toledo while
 making a speech. A \$500 a year federal
 official is a bigger man than Golden
 Rule Jones in a matter of that kind.

Some conception of what is at stake
 in the New York election in the way of
 money to be handled by the successful
 party can be attained from the follow-
 ing figures: The annual revenue of the
 city of New York is \$135,715,214. This
 is \$15,000,000 more than the annual re-
 venue of the empire of Japan. It is three
 times the annual revenue of the Nether-
 lands. It is one-fifth as large as the
 annual revenue of the United States.
 The municipal debt of New York is
 \$37,919,983, being more than half as
 large as the national debt of the United
 States. The territory of Arizona, which
 is clamoring for admission to the Union,
 has an assessed value of \$63,000,000.
 The annual revenue of New York city from
 taxes alone is \$77,532,553.

Minnesota Journal: The runs on
 banks in St. Louis, La Crosse and else-
 where show that the public has become
 very suspicious and is ready to be
 thrown into a panic by the slightest
 slander concerning a bank. The cause
 of this, however, is not to be found in
 the condition of the banks, which are,
 as a rule, stronger today than ever, but
 in the tremendous deceits practiced
 upon the public by some of our great-
 est financiers. After the revelations
 that have lately come from Wall street
 of the utter lack of consideration of
 national welfare on the part of the
 captains of industry, it would be
 strange indeed if the public were not
 lacking in confidence.

Tuesday, November 3, will be politi-
 cally a busy day in several of the
 most important states of the union.
 Governors are to be elected in Ohio,
 Iowa, Rhode Island, Maryland, Massa-
 chusetts, Kentucky, Louisiana, and
 Mississippi. New York and New Jer-
 sey are to vote on legislative tickets,
 but the municipal contest in Greater
 New York overshadows all else in that
 state. In some of these states the elec-
 tions may have important bearings on
 the presidential campaign of next year,
 and in two, Ohio and Maryland, the
 senatorial issue is the one on which
 public interest is centered. In Mary-
 land the legislature to be chosen will
 elect a successor to McComas. In Iowa
 Governor Cummins is a candidate for
 re-election. In Kentucky Governor
 Beekham is running for a third term.

THOUGHTS ON HALLOWEEN

Chain the front gate; turn the bul-
 dog loose in the front yard; put a load
 of salt pork in the shotgun and prepare
 to spend tonight on guard duty for it
 will be Halloween. Tomorrow all the
 Sunday papers in the land will groan
 forth with their burdens of lurid ink setting
 forth how the happy people, who have
 nothing else to do, spent the evening
 pursuing elusive apples with open
 mouths as they floated in tubs of water,
 or did endless other things in celebration
 of the meaningless holiday.

Today's papers scatter broadcast the
 quoted interviews with minions of the
 law in reference to what they will do to
 the small boys they catch tonight on
 marauding expeditions. These warnings,
 of course, are not expected to scare more
 than once. How the small boy will
 stealthily approach the crossing plates,
 and, having looked warily in the four
 directions, will jerk them ruthlessly
 from the place where they have reposed
 for 12 long months and cast them in
 the gutter with a noisy clang.

And then how he will run; run with

the morbid fear that a "copper" in sev-
 en-league-boots is close upon him and
 he will hide and hide until the beating
 in his heart is less noisy. If he have
 company the beating will run quiet
 sooner, but if he be alone, it is a ghastly
 business. Next year he will be braver
 and will do more damage unless the
 male parent gets in some preventive
 measures. For actual preventive work
 the male parent has the city policeman
 beaten by several laps.

MUNICIPAL EXTRAVAGANCE.

It is not a long step from extravagant
 management of municipal affairs to cor-
 rupt manipulation of the city's money.
 Extravagance usually proceeds from financial
 log-rolling among members of the
 city council, and is inspired largely by
 selfish political motives. Corruption is
 only a slightly different form of selfish-
 ness. There is not much difference be-
 tween the councilman who steals the
 city's money and puts it in his pocket,
 and the one who votes away coin from
 the city treasury in exchange for votes
 and influence.

There has, fortunately, been very lit-
 tle out and out corruption in the man-
 agement of the city affairs of Topeka,
 but it must be confessed that at times
 the city council has been guilty of gross
 and unpardonable extravagance. A
 councilman was once elected to office
 for his improvement in his ward, and by
 the aid of his brother councilmen who also
 want something, he is able to saddle
 the expense onto the public treasury.
 Salary-raising is a favorite way to tap
 the till and the employment of useless
 officials and workmen is another. It is
 all perfectly "legitimate" of course, be-
 cause there is no law to send a council-
 man to jail because of his act.

The city is about to take advantage
 of an extraordinary law enacted by the
 special session of the legislature and
 clear up all its past evidences of ex-
 travagance, aggregating \$70,000, by
 means of a bond issue. The future
 generation will be made to pay for the
 political follies of the past. It rests
 with the present council, and its suc-
 cessors, to avoid a repetition of the ex-
 travagances which have been practiced.
 The law expressly forbids the city council
 from allowing any bills when there is
 not money on hand to pay them. Let
 the law be strictly enforced. Now is
 the time to start in with a new deal.
 Money should not be transferred from
 one fund to another to make both ends
 meet. It is robbing Peter to pay Paul,
 and is contrary to law. None of these
 things can be done if a single member
 of the council has the courage to fight
 the custom. The laws should be en-
 forced absolutely, and unless they are
 enforced, the guilty officials should be
 made to answer to their constituents
 at the next succeeding election.

CAR FARMING COMPENSATION.

The car famine about which so much
 has been said since the wheat crop be-
 gan to move is not entirely an unmiti-
 gated evil. To be sure it is pretty hard
 on the farmer who has more grain than
 he knows what to do with, neither to
 be able to sell it nor to keep it without
 the risk of loss on the ground, but there is
 a bright side to the difficulty if one will
 only look for it.

The bright side is that the car famine
 prevents the market from being glutted
 and the price demoralized. If the grain
 dealers could get all the cars they wish
 the wheat would be rushed to market
 in such tremendous quantities that the
 price would go down. As it is the wheat
 can be marketed only as fast as the
 railroads can haul it and while a great
 quantity is going to the great wheat
 centers daily, the price remains steady.
 Then, too, if it were possible the
 wheat would nearly all be shipped out
 of the state, and Kansas mills might be
 left without a sufficient supply to keep
 them running the year through. Now
 it looks as though much of this year's
 crop will last over until the next har-
 vest. It is better for the state that all
 the wheat possible be milled at home in-
 stead of sent abroad for grinding. It
 affords employment for more people in
 Kansas.

This is cold consolation for the farmer
 who is compelled to pile his wheat on
 the ground because he can get no cars
 in which to ship it, and watch it deterio-
 rate day by day when the weather is
 damp. But for the farmer who is pre-
 pared to shelter his wheat properly the
 car famine is a sort of a blessing in
 disguise.

THE AUTOMATIC GUN.

The editor of Recreation has opened
 a war on the new automatic guns
 which are just now being introduced.
 In an editorial in the November num-
 ber he says:

Several patents have recently been
 granted for the Winchester Arms Co.
 of New Haven, Conn., is building
 machinery to make such a gun. An
 arm house has already been brought
 out one, and it is now being advertised
 and sold.

It would seem that reasonable men,
 instead of being engaged in the making
 of the mighty dollar, should be satisfied
 with the weapons already on the market
 for destroying American birds and
 wild animals.

We have repeating rifles, repeating
 shot guns, double barrel and single
 barrel shot guns by the million, and
 such weapons have been and are being
 carried on, these big gun houses are
 putting out still more murderous en-
 gines of destruction, for market hun-
 tings.

This announcement should arouse
 the indignation of every decent sports-
 man and every nature lover on the
 continent, and I appeal to pump gun to
 write at once to the Winchester Arms
 Co., protesting in the strongest and
 most vigorous language possible,
 against the marketing of such a prohi-
 bited article.

The repeating rifle has been an im-
 portant factor in wiping out the big
 game of this country. The pump gun,
 so called, has proven little short of a
 national calamity. An automatic shot
 gun would be a disgrace to the nation,
 and its introduction should be prohib-
 ited by law. This may not be, but the
 sale of any such weapon to decent men,
 or for any purpose, should be prohibited
 by a proper public sentiment.

I appeal to all readers of Recreation
 to write at once to the company men-
 tioned, stating that they will never buy
 or use an automatic gun, and that they
 will discourage its use by others in every
 legitimate way; and that they will not
 associate with any man who may use
 such a weapon.

Will every woman who loves the

birds write and protest, in the name of
 decency and of humanity, against the
 making and selling of any such weapon?
 Here is a chance to strike a telling
 blow for the protection of our birds,
 and I trust no friend of the birds or
 the wild animals, will let the opportu-
 nity pass, no matter how busy he or she
 may be. When you write this com-
 pany send me a copy of your letter,
 in order that I may print as many
 such protests as possible.

JAYHAWKER JOKE.

Jewell City has a new bank of coal.
 Three Effingham potatoes tip the
 scales at four pounds.

"Blue Jay" suppers and coon hunts
 are the latest Ottawa fads.

At a poultry pie church dinner at
 Salina the public made the chickens
 fly.

A Franklin county farmer has up to
 date marketed 3,000 pounds of honey
 this season.

Now isn't this just like Kansas? A
 frost was in Kansas to kill the
 grasshoppers.

Grape vines in a Pratt citizen's yard
 have furnished the third crop this sea-
 son, fully ripened.

The Clay Center court house has been
 adorned with two large oleanders by an
 "admirer friend."

A pot coyote signed its death warrant
 Emporia by eating six of its
 master's chickens.

A Buffalo farmer has secured a winter's
 supply of honey from two hives of
 wild bees in his attic.

The Holton mayor has issued a pro-
 claimation declaring Halloween non-
 sense must close at midnight.

The financial flurry of Tuesday
 caused a short run on the Holton
 banks, but it quickly blew over.

Kingman county leads the procession
 with much and milk social. The
 mush of course was made from new
 corn.

Two Cimarron school boys were
 caught playing tag with a bottle
 of whisky between them—drink or
 smell.

Everest is unable to find ground for
 a cemetery nearer than four miles.
 The council will take up this grave
 subject.

A Gray county ranch man has passed
 the 350 foot mark in search of water.
 A downward career is not always a
 soft snap.

It has been twenty years since the
 Whiting fire, yet the citizens still hope
 to some day catch the fellow who
 started it.

A Hurdan lad who started out some
 weeks ago to do the "Huckleberry
 Finn" act has sneaked home to the
 parental roof.

A Hiawatha woman has been granted
 a license to preach. How that must
 tickle the husbands who get certain
 lectures at home.

A Pratt county farmer found a fine
 silver watch in his wheat bin which he
 will sell about pay for the sack or
 two of grain taken.

The Catholic church at Effingham
 has reduced its debt \$1,000 in the past
 fortnight. How long it took to accumu-
 late is not stated.

Future generations will rise up and
 call a soldier citizen blessed. He has
 invented a scheme to unload corn
 without the use of the shovel.

Play must be of a strenuous nature at
 the Humboldt school house in Saline
 county. A 13-year-old girl is "enjoy-
 ing" a vacation with a broken arm.

Scholars of district No. 55, Ellsworth
 county, have phoned the school board
 to inform them that the school house
 is a dump, and that the school board
 should be held responsible for the same.

The enthusiastic reception given Gov-
 ernor Bailey at Ottawa City will not
 have a tendency to change Ed Hoke's
 plans for sticking to the state printer-
 ship content rather than running for
 governor.

GLOBE SIGHTS.

[From the Atchison Globe.]

Big men make mistakes.
 What has become of the old fashioned
 girl who went through the streets car-
 rying big globes?

"It is lucky for all of us," says the
 Emmett (Idaho) Index, "that Eve wasn't
 a man hater."

We seem to have elected to the United
 States senate a lot of old men, child-
 ish enough to fall for the old tricks.

We have had a lot of married couples
 who have married their first loves,
 the only difference is that we would
 have been grandparents sooner.

It is getting so that people are having
 some respect for the devil because he
 doesn't claim to be an angel.

There are two sides to Halloween: Of
 the side to take off gates, and of the age
 to grumble and complain to the police
 about it.

Notice is served on a certain man that
 the peculiar look in his wife's eye when
 she smiles so sweetly at him, means Re-
 venge.

We would hate to be a milkman and
 have to devote our ability as an ac-
 countant to keeping track of some woman's
 milk ticks.

The metropolitan papers give so much
 for a dime a week that an Atchison
 man has subscribed for several news-
 papers, instead of ordering a pump.

A rabbit living near town, awoke one
 Sunday morning, and found snow on the
 ground. "Well," he said, "I must be
 moving. This is my busy day."

They are playing progressive card
 games in the city. The progressive
 progressive buggy rides, etc. Therefore,
 there will be no surprise at learning
 that the game of progressive husband
 is to be played at Atchison shortly.



The hotel men who were in Topeka
 this week for their annual convention,
 could tell many an interesting story
 about the Kansas hostilities if they
 would. Not only stories about what has
 happened in the hotels but about the
 hotels themselves.

Eugene B. Stotts, from Garden City,
 could have told the story of the rivalry
 between "Buffalo" and "St. Louis".

Both lived in Garden
 City and each was determined to do a
 little more for the town than the other.

Stotts began years ago by putting up
 an adobe building which is still stand-
 ing. Then he built himself a better
 home and began making money in
 lauds.

Jones thought the town needed a good
 court house. He built a large eight
 room, two story stone court house and
 hotel in a big city, but when the boom
 came he found that the town needed
 a hotel and began making money in
 lauds.

The Stevens decided to outdo Jones
 and his building which has always been
 called the "Buffalo" hotel, also in der-
 ison built a hotel on the other corner of
 the block and he made it four stories high.

One story higher than the Jones build-
 ing. The hotel is big enough for a
 town twenty-five times as large as
 Garden City and, of course, it is now a
 losing proposition on the original in-
 vestment, but that makes no difference.

Stevens had the satisfaction of building
 a hotel a story higher than Jones and
 putting in an elevator and an electric
 light plant.

There are a good many western Kan-
 sas towns that have hotels standing as
 monuments of the boom days. Larned
 has two, and one of them is known for
 hundreds of miles around. It is the "Le
 Grande" hotel. It was built in the days
 when the city limits were stretched
 every day to take in a new addition
 and when town lots filled the country
 between Larned and old Fort Larned.

Now when lands are in between, Le
 Grande hotel is a big affair and a good
 building. It would be a mighty good
 hotel in a big city, but when the boom
 passed by, like the retreat of a hot
 wave the hotel was left high and dry
 without bonfire or guests. Since then
 the hotel has been used for the storage
 of wheat. When Joe Letter sent the
 price of wheat skyward in 1897, Col.
 William Scott of Larned, rented Le
 Grande hotel and used it for the storage
 of wheat. The farmers were holding their
 wheat for a higher price. The elevators
 were running over. The buildings of
 the farmers were full of wheat. Every
 bin and storehouse that would hold
 wheat was full. Le Grande was all
 that was left. Colonel Scott rented
 the hotel and it was used for the storage
 of thousands of bushels in it. Since
 the wheat was sold the hotel hasn't
 had wheat in it.

The hotel men could tell of the hotel
 in El Dorado where the guests stay out
 all night if they are not in by 10 o'clock.
 The hotel men in El Dorado, who
 look up at 10 o'clock and knock to bed.
 They could tell of the hotel at Wa-
 mogo that has a piano in one of the
 rooms. The proprietor of the hotel
 never uses that room unless the other
 rooms are taken, and then he
 asks the guest if he plays the piano.

He plays it in the El Dorado, some-
 where else if he can. One time Frank
 Lewis of Topeka, and a party stopped at
 the hotel. The landlord asked Lewis if
 he played the piano. Lewis said he didn't.
 The landlord sent Lewis to the room
 with the piano in it. The rest of the
 party visited Lewis. One of them
 played until 10 o'clock, and the
 landlord was mad. So he and
 guests, but the room was rented with
 everything in it, so what could the
 poor man do?

One of the best hotels in Kansas at
 which to eat an early breakfast is the
 Higginbotham in Manhattan. No mat-
 ter if you get breakfast at 6 o'clock in
 the morning, you get quail on toast
 during the season. There is a hotel in
 Decatur county which is a good one. It
 ticks filled with corn husks. If you
 happen to stop there just after the ticks
 have been filled you will have trouble.

The man who fills them will have trouble,
 arm, and he fills them in about the
 same fashion that a hay baler works.
 The ticks are crammed in so tight
 that the tick is not in the middle of
 the only way to stay on is to lie
 crosswise with head and feet lower
 than the middle of your spine.

There is a hotel in Lyons, Kan.,
 which has, or used to have a genuine
 curiosity as a member of the "regular
 loafers" brigade. He was a ventriloquist
 and a good one. He would find out from
 the hotel clerk the name of a guest sit-
 ting in the office after supper. Then
 the man would station himself in a
 corner of the office. A voice, appar-
 ently from the street, would call to the
 guest. If the guest was there, the
 voice would say, "Come in, then the
 voice from the street would call to
 him to come to the office."

The guest would go to the office and
 the door and the voice would say, "Come
 from across the street and then there
 would be a laugh and the loafers at
 the hotel would join in it. Even then
 the guest would not know where the
 voice was coming from. The ventriloquist
 had been tricked by the ventriloquist. When
 the joke was explained the old man
 would give an exhibition. All he want-
 ed was a few dollars. He would go
 around the town and make a show of
 his entire repertoire consisting of a dog
 fight in the cellar, a cat fight in the
 chimney and the voices of two men in
 the street. The ventriloquist was a
 man always finished his performance
 with a shell game of the real sort. He
 would produce three shells and place
 one of them under a ball. The ball would
 get as close to the ball as they could
 get. He would place a little wad of paper
 under one, move the shells about slowly
 and then ask which shell the wad was
 under. It was never under the shell that
 the spectator named. The old man
 changed it with the ease of a Hottentot
 the Great. The old man never bet on
 his shell game and never allowed oth-
 ers to.

ers to. He might have once on a time
 but after he went to Lyons he worked
 the shells only for the amusement of
 himself and others. He belonged to
 the Methodist church.

Elijah III.

[With Apologies to Mr. Abou Ben Adhem.]
 Amon the moon arose one night
 Elijah Third in cold and sweaty fright.
 For in a darkened corner of the room
 He hid in the deep and shadowy gloom.

The devil scribbled in a big black book,
 His face alight with real Mephisto
 "What writest thou?" the prophet, stam-
 mering, said.

The devil mused, and raised his horned
 head.
 And answered: "The names of those
 Who think with fibs to win their last re-
 pose."

His great success had made Elijah bold.
 But such a power he had ne'er been told.
 Still, chattered he: "And is mine there?"
 "He felt the goose-flesh and uprising hair."
 "You bet it is," Beelzebub replied.

"Right here upon a well-thumbed page be-
 side
 A lot of others who conspired with ease
 To make big crowds believe the moon's
 green cheese."

"Fudge," said the prophet, "let me see.
 You can't with goblin tales play hob with
 me."
 But on the page he read, a bit dismayed,
 From Peregrinus to himself displayed.

"Oh, well, you might as well," he said,
 "Put me a little higher toward the head;
 And then skedaddle, for I must to work—
 You know I leave tomorrow for New
 York."

The devil wrote and vanished.
 Several weeks unroll'd
 Before the shepherd back into his west-
 ern fold
 Again returned. And as he dreamed lay,
 Recouping the fatigues of one long, heavy
 night,
 In crimson robes and floods of rosy light,
 "What, you again?" Elijah, waking, cried.
 "Oh, well, you might as well," he said,
 "Put me a little higher toward the head;
 And then skedaddle, for I must to work—
 You know I leave tomorrow for New
 York."

To show that your name now leads all
 the rest."
 —Town Topics.



A man lies a foolishment to tell folks
 he is a young man. Some of them
 will bawl him out after some woman
 has got him tamed so he will cut out
 of her hand and carry her ombler in
 his mouth.

Dowie's levent' commandment reads
 "Thou shalt not be a fool."

Der oder night a feller vent to a place
 where he had no business, and ven der
 policemen scrape der gore out of his
 seat, and he was able to take notice
 he look like a burglar had went trough
 him mitout der combination. Vich was
 chumt anoder argomend in fafor of not
 budding in.

Der Coolidge co-respondent fer der
 Syracuse News sends der following noo-
 sence: "Rev. Carey preached a good
 sermon Sunday." Greedit eg-stement in
 Coolidge.

A recent cablegram from Mexico con-
 firms der rumor der der open sea-son fer
 high officials is on.

Ve opserte dot seferal peobles vasa